

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Location: Bear Library, 101 Governor's Place, Bear 19701

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)
Marianne Cinaglia (DeLEASI)
George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Brenna Goggin (Delaware Nature Society)
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council)
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
Bob Ziegler (Waste Hauler Industry)

Members absent: Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)

Non-members present:	Jim Short (DNREC)	Bill Miller (DNREC)
	Nancy Marker (DNREC)	Kim Foster (DNREC)
	Dave Bart (Bartology)	Allen Thienpont (Waste Industries)
	Kurt Pilarski (Waste Management)	P.J. Chipman (Waste Management)
	Mike Manna (Environmental Resources)	Kurt Lewis (Citizen)
	John Neyman (Republic Services)	Martine Long (Zero Waste Team)
	Eric Long (Zero Waste Team)	Aaron Knestaut (Zero Waste Team)
	Elizabeth Nestle (Zero Waste Team)	Grace Long (Zero Waste Team)
	Marcus Stevens (Evergreen)	

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 P.M.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes December 16, 2013 Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved with one edit; adding Coralie as present.

Food Waste Diversion Pilot-Project Presentation

The Zero Waste Team, a group of middle school students from the Hockessin area, gave a presentation on their efforts to divert organics via residential collection. The team recognized that a large portion (close to 50%) of the waste stream is composed of organics. However, while organics are recyclable (compostable) they are often not collected and are wasted. The Team found that they could utilize the existing yard waste collection infrastructure and work with the waste hauler and residents to add other organics such as food waste. A key factor is that the yard waste was going to a composting facility that also processes food waste and other organics. The Team worked with four communities as their pilot areas and has tremendous participation numbers from those areas. They have found that their participating households are each diverting about 500 pounds of organics from being landfilled each year. Benefits include: no incremental cost to residents, decreased tipping fees for haulers (vs. disposal), decreased waste being landfilled, opportunity to create jobs,

and producing a local saleable product. The team wants to continue their awareness efforts, work with haulers to expand organics routes, and work with legislators to formulate appropriate legislation. Several RPAC Members congratulated the Zero Waste Team on their efforts.

Recycling Grant Scoring Subcommittee Synopsis

Jim S. reviewed the 27 applications and the suggested funding as developed by the Subcommittee. BJ commented that the Subcommittee looks at a lot of criteria, including the effect on the diversion rate and cost effectiveness. Jim discussed answered several questions from the RPAC Members. Many of the applicants that were not recommended for awards will be encouraged to revise and apply in future cycles. Following the explanation and discussion, the RPAC passed a motion supporting the funding recommendations of the Subcommittee. Dick, Paul, Stan, BJ, Marianne, Kelly, and Brenna voted in favor. Mike P., George, Bob Z., and Julie abstained. No members voted against. Members of the Subcommittee include BJ, Stan, Brenna, Coralie, Kelly, Marj, Mike F., Paul, Bill M., and Jim S.

Recycling Market Update

Paul B. said there has not been much change in paper pricing since last month. Sorted Office Paper had a small increase. Mike P. has heard that commodity pricing is trending down.

Old/New Business

BJ asked the Council to think about the next grant cycle being relatively soon, within the year. He added he would like to see emphasis on commercial outreach, particularly from haulers associations, property management companies, chambers of commerce, and the like.

George asked about recycling diversion in state agencies. There was some discussion on raising attention on what government is, or is not, doing. Council Members considered what actions they can take.

Bill M. referred everyone to the Reuse Marketplace (www.reusemarketplace.com), an online materials exchange. It is a free website that helps businesses trade equipment or supplies in the name of waste reduction. DNREC and DSWA are involved with NERC, a regional non-profit, who established the site and are helping to bring it to the attention of more businesses.

Dick asked about the Chamber of Commerce representative. BJ has attempted multiple times to reach out to Basil without response and has been working with the current President of the Chamber to find a replacement. He is working with the Governor's Office to try to address that legislated RPAC position and likewise for the restaurant industry representative.

Mike P. announced that, as of January 1, Pat Canzano has retired as CEO of the DSWA and Rick Watson is now CEO. Robin Roddy has filled Rick's former position as COO.

Additional Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014 at 1:30 in Sussex County at a location to be determined.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:15 p.m.